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IN THE U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Gerard GIORDANO et al.

Conf. 8083

Application No. 10/088,117

Group 1634

Filed: July 22, 2002

Examiner J. S. Sitton

Title: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED
FROM GENES CODING FOR
TRIMETHYLAMINE N-OXIDE REDUCTASE,
AND USES THEREOF, ESPECIALLY FOR
THE DETECTION OF BACTERIA

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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April 25, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2005,
for which the period for response has been extended one months,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this paper.